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## COX FACING BOTH WAYS

The confusion of thought among Democratic leaders on the subject of Wilson's league of nations is serving to confuse the minds of thousands of Democratic voters in the west. It will undoubtedly serve to drive away a great deal of support from the Democratic ticket in the course of the campaign.

In the first place the nomination of Governor Cox was generally looked upon as a victory for anti-administration Democrats and was hailed with satisfaction by a large number of those members of the Democratic party who could not subscribe to Mr. Wilson's views upon the league. Then came the visit of Governor Cox to the White House and the announcement that he and President Wilson found themselves in complete accord. This served to chill the enthusiasm of Democrats who were either against the Wilson league or believed it should be qualified by Americanized reservations.

Since then there has been an obvious effort on the part of Governor Cox, National Chairman White and others close to Governor Cox, to remove the impression that the Democratic nominee has tied himself closely to Mr. Wilson with respect to the league. Mr. White has pronounced the league not the paramount issue and has given out the idea that there is a large degree of elasticity in Governor Cox's support of the administration and especially in regard to his support of the league of nations covenant.

While National Chairman White and Governor Cox are seeking to lessen or seem to loosen the relationship of Mr. Cox to the White House and make it appear that the governor is not bound up hand and foot with the Wilson administration, Senator Hitchcock comes along and declares that Governor Cox is for the Wilson interpretation of the league covenant and that Democratic Chairman White is mistaken in pronouncing the Wilson league not a paramount issue.

Under the circumstances the natural result has followed and that is great numbers of voters are utterly at sea as to where Governor Cox is with respect to the Wilson league covenant. Nor is it expected in well informed quarters that this uncertainty will be cleared up by Governor Cox's speeches. To go through the campaign trying to face both ways is certain to hurt him immeasurably.

## NATIONAL DEBT GROWING

Roseate hopes held out by the Treasury's statement which indicated a marked reduction in the national debt at the end of the fiscal year in June are shattered by the returns showing the fiscal status at the end of August. The total public debt now stands at \$24,324,672,123, an increase in one month of \$101,755,110. Since June 30 the floating debt of the country in the shape of treasury certificates has been increased by \$345,023,500 and now stands at \$2,830,576,000.

The floating debt is the greatest of all evils in national finance. It leads directly to inflation, clogs the banking machinery, absorbs credit that should be available to productive industry and hangs a deadweight on the money market. Yet, under the excuse that railway payments necessitated it, this form of debt, instead of being reduced, was further increased by the shovelling out of treasury bills.

The statement at the end of June showing a reduction of some two billions in the national debt since August, 1919, was largely a concoction of figures for window dressing purposes. It was an earnest endeavor to cover up the profligacy of spendthrift administration. But it did not succeed. It consisted of artistically arranged balances which were made to show a large reduction in the debt, and from that the public was expected to infer that a virtue of the Administration was economy.

The national finances are now appearing in their true colors. Despite the merciless pruning by Congress of the proposed appropriations submitted by the bureau chiefs, requests which if granted would have plunged the country between two and three billions further in debt, expenditure still runs far ahead of revenue. The likelihood that this same condition will continue for some months is indicated in this last Treasury statement, unless the railroads, also victims of the administration's muddling, make smaller demands for overdue payments than are now expected.

## GRAPES AND HOPS

From Fresno in the glorious climate of California, and from Yakima in the Ever Green State, come reports of unprecedented and unexpected prosperity. Fresnoites and Yakimans mourned a woeful time when, as they reasonably enough supposed, a frosty amendment killed their principal industries, their neighborhood crops of grapes and hops. They foresaw long days when the doors must be shut, when the sound of the grinding would be low.

They visioned darkly a swift coming time when gas wagons and music machines must be sold, and hushed the song of the silk skirt. Their lands parched by constitutional drought, before them in gloomy anticipation stalked the sheriff, behind them the dispossessed grinned.

But what a joyous awakening from horrid dreams! Fresno found that any old grape with sugar content enough to be sun dried into a raisin mounted in price until vineyardists feared that again they dreamed. But no! A greedy mob of buyers battered at their packing house doors hoarsely shouting for raisins. By the truck load? Car load? No, again. "By the train load, brothers, and name your own price."

Up sound in Yakima the moving picture was repeated by the wildly bidding mobs of hop buyers. "Hops at your own price!" hotly the multitude shouted, eager to exchange silver and gold and the peculiar treasure of kings for bitter hops.

Truly, where flourish the grape and the hop the winter is past, the flowers appear on the earth and the voice of the turtle is heard in their land.

Protests are being heard because Newton Baker franked his partisan speech before the Ohio Democratic convention through the mails. But each copy would have cost Mr. Baker 16 cents in postage and he doubtless felt it was not worth it—Philadelphia North American.

Government price experts in Washington predict a general reduction in retail costs of clothing and foods for the autumn, the economic conditions now seeming to indicate that war inflation is subsiding. The people are waiting.

## MATCHES GONE FROM MARKET

(Correspondence of Associated Press)

LISBON, Aug. 23.—Matches have disappeared from the market, much to the discomfort of smokers and housewives. Waiters and cigar store clerks who are able to furnish a few matches have been extremely popular for two weeks.

In view of the high prices here, the operatives of the match company demand higher wages, and the company, to meet their wishes, petitioned the government for permission to raise the price of matches. This consent has not been given, and in view of the deadlock, the inhabitants of Portugal have had no matches for about a fortnight, since the stocks in the shops were exhausted.

When the monopoly of match manufacture was given to the company some years ago, the public, especially smokers, as a sign of protest began to use automatic flint and gasoline lighters, which caused a considerable decrease to the company's sale and the government, at the company's request, issued a law forbidding their use, in consequence of which they were all seized and their carriers fined.

A recall of the law, however, has been proposed in parliament, but has not been acted upon.

In the provinces, fires are kept alight day and night as the only way of obtaining light at a moment's notice.

## HIGH TAXES IN AUSTRIA

(Correspondence of Associated Press)

VIENNA, Aug. 22.—In its effort to find a solution of its financial difficulties, the municipality of Vienna is resorting to taxations not approached in any country during the war. As a first step it has raised the deposit of a gas consumer from between 100 and 300 crowns to 8000 crowns per meter. No interest is paid on this deposit.

The new schedule of taxes contemplates a levy on practically every daily activity. There will be a tax of 2 per cent on all salaries of employees to be paid by the employer. Hotel rooms are taxed 20 per cent, and a graded tax is levied on apartments to be paid by the occupant. On apartments renting for 3000 crowns a month the tax will be three times the rent. If more than one domestic servant is employed, the employer must pay a high tax on each additional servant.

Ten per cent on the customer's bill in a restaurant, an occupational tax for certain forms of semi-professions and many kinds of new business licenses are to be imposed.

## ASSESSMENT WORK

Parties owning claims and mining corporations who desire their annual assessment work done for 1921 are requested to communicate with me. The best of references given.

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